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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Chambers, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment consists of the material that was in LB 273. LB 273 currently is on Select File. Since we stripped all of the contents from LB 273, they would be lost if this amendment, which incorporates those provisions, were not placed into LB 274. LB 273 and LB 274 could have been one bill originally. But because each one dealt with a different category of those who handle animals, I didn't want opposition that might develop to one to bring down both. But as it turned out, there was not opposition to either one of them. So adopting the amendment I'm offering will take what was LB 273 and put it into LB 274. And I'm asking that you adopt it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Open for discussion. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I simply rise to support this amendment. And I want to thank the Judiciary Committee. I want to thank Senator Chambers for allowing me to put the contents of LB 300 into the...this bill. As Senator Chambers has said, the committee amendment, which came out of committee eight-zip, eight for, has two levels. Abandoning and cruelly neglecting animals classify as Class I misdemeanor. And cruel mistreatment of animal involves torture, repeated beating, and mutilation, is classified as a Class IV felony. So I'd simply...that's the contents, and I simply would ask for the adoption of the amendments to LB 274. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Any further discussion of the Chambers amendment to LB 274? Seeing no lights on, Senator Chambers, do you wish to close? He waives the option to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM0650, offered by Senator Chambers to LB 274. All in favor of the motion vote aye opposed nay. We're voting on the Chambers amendment to LB 274. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.